

3.5 Forested Flora or Fauna Habitats, Limited Snowmobiling

Theme – Management emphasis is to provide adequate amounts of quality forage, cover, escape terrain, solitude, breeding habitat, and protection for a wide variety of wildlife species and plant communities.

Setting – Insect and disease losses are generally accepted unless they threaten communities, which are providing important habitat components. A variety of fire sizes and shapes result from natural and human ignitions. Disturbances may be fairly evident and the scale may vary from small to large. There are very few developed or designated recreational facilities. Restrictions and controls are noticeable.

Desired Condition – Provide quality, all season habitat for wildlife species. Increase or maintain plant communities and structural stages to provide foraging areas, cover, and areas of solitude in patterns across the landscape.

Provide for a variety of forest and rangeland plant communities and successional stages through a combination of human manipulation and natural processes. Some signs of management practices, such as salting areas, fences, and water developments, may be present.

Protect areas and communities that provide important habitat such as wintering areas, birthing areas (especially for calving, fawning, lambing, and kidding), rearing areas, and migration routes.

Provide for development of future late-successional forest conditions.

Standards and Guidelines

Fire and Fuels

- Guideline 1. Use direct control, perimeter control, or prescription control as the wildland fire management strategy.

Recreation

- Standard 1. Manage snowmobiling to provide opportunities on designated over-the-snow routes.
- Guideline 1. Manage for an ROS class of Roaded Natural, Semi-Primitive Motorized or Semi-Primitive Nonmotorized as mapped.

Scenery

- Guideline 1. Meet the scenic integrity objective of Moderate.

Vegetation

- Guidelines 1. Allow, through natural processes and succession, or encourage, through vegetation treatments, the development of lodgepole pine and spruce-fir forests to provide diversity of forest habitats.